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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN CP DELEGATION VISITS NETHERLANDS

1. FIVE-MEMBER ROMANIAN CP DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PAUL NICOLESCU MIZIL, VISITED NETHERLANDS FROM FEB 25 - MARCH 1, RETURNING VISIT MADE BY DUTCH LABOR PARTY IN JUNE 1972. ROMANIANS MET WITH PM DEN UYL, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AND CULTURE AND EDUCATION MINISTERS. ROMANIANS ALSO MET WITH LABOR PARTY GROUP IN SECOND CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OF AMSTERDAM AND LABOR PARTY STAFF. IN LABOR PARTY COMMUNIQUE FEB 24, IT WAS NOTED THAT "DESPITE IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES" VISITS LIKE THAT OF ROMANIANS USEFUL AND DUTCH SOCIALISTS WOULD USE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS EAST-WEST RELATIONS, DETENTE, AND INTENSIFICATION OF CULTURAL COOPERATION.

2. LABOR FLOOR LEADER VAN THIJN, WHO SAW ROMANIANS OFF AT AIRPORT MARCH 1, CHARACTERIZED VISIT AS "VERY USEFUL". HE ADDED "WE HAVE MADE PLANS FOR JOINT STUDIES ON THE DETENTE POLICY WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES FAVOR". LABOR PARTY FLOOR LEADER ALSO SAID ROMANIANS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY LACK OF DUTCH INTEREST IN ECONOMIC

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COOPERATION IN THE FORM OF JOINT VENTURES, MODE OF

COOPERATION ROMANIANS FAVOR.

3. COMMENT: POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED MFA EUROPEAN DIRECTOR FOR FILL-IN ON VISIT, AND WAS INFORMED THERE HAD BEEN NO ONE FROM MINISTRY PRESENT DURING ROMANIANS' TALKS WITH VAN DER STOEL AND DEN ULY. DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED VISIT WAS STRICTLY PARTY-TO-PARTY AFFAIR. SECOND CHAMBER LABOR PARTY MEMBER, WHO WAS PRESENT AT ROMANIANS' MEETING WITH DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS, SAID MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES FOUND THEM UNEMPRESSIVE AND "RATHER ODD", REMARKING THAT THEY SIMPLY SAT THERE AND WERE UNINTERESTED IN GIVE AND TAKE DUTCH LABOR PARLIAMENTARIANS RELISH. VISIT RECEIVED MEAGER PRESS PLAY; E.G. NO PICTURES OF DELEGATES VISITING PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER. LONGEST PRESS NOTICE WAS TONGUE-IN-CHEEK ACCOUNT IN LEFT WING VOLKSKRANT OF "PURITANICAL ROMANIANS" INVESTIGATION OF "DECADENT, BOURGEOIS CULTURE", DURING VISIT TO HAGUE'S CLUB CONTINENTAL WHICH SPECIALIZES IN WIDE SCREEN COLOR PORNO FILMS AND LIVE SEX SHOWS.
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